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Report Highlights:

The inter-agency Philippine Committee on Trade and Related Matters has recommended the extension of the duty-free privilege for milling wheat imports for another six months from June 21, 2009. Feed wheat imports, however, will be charged a 7 percent duty.

General Information:

The Philippine Committee on Trade and Related Matters (TRM), an interagency committee responsible in reviewing tariffs has recommended that imported wheat be allowed to continue entering the country duty-free for another six months. Executive Orders No. 765 (EO 765) approved late 2008 had temporarily eliminated tariffs for wheat imports until June 21, 2009 (refer to GAIN 8066) to stabilize prices of wheat-based food products.

Although no Executive Order to this effect has been made as President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, as of this writing, is out of the country, milling wheat shipments will be tariff-free for another six (6) months while feed wheat imports, which was included in EO 765, will revert to its original 7 percent

duty.